



FACT SHEET 2005

Peace Corps Volunteers in Panama

Peace Corps has more than 20 years experience living and working side-by-side with Panamanians to overcome the most pressing needs of Panama's rural poor. Peace Corps is committed to placing at least 70% of volunteers in areas of 70% poverty level or higher and to placing at least 30% of volunteers in indigenous communities.

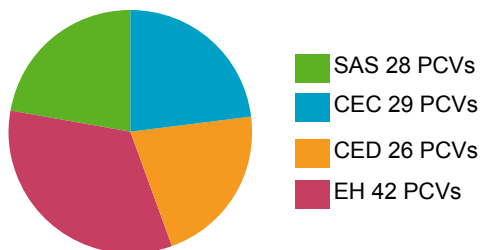
PEACE CORPS PROGRAMS

Sustainable Agriculture Systems (SAS) -- Provides technical assistance to small farmers in high production, low-impact organic farming techniques.

Community Environmental Conservation (CEC) -- Works with youth and communities on the management of watersheds, protected areas, solid waste and ecotourism development

Community Economic Development (CED) -- Supports community-based cooperative development, tourism, youth and technology initiatives

Environmental Health (EH) -- Works on community sanitation and water projects, including aqueducts and latrines as well as health education.



WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP - Peace Corps works hand-in-hand with Panama's governmental and non-governmental agencies. Our partners include:

- Ministry of Agriculture
- Ministry of Health
- National Environmental Authority
- Junior Achievement
- IPAT
- Panama Verde
- Patronato de Nutricion
- Congreso Kuna
- Congreso Ngäbe-Bugle
- IPACCOOP

OUR VOLUNTEERS: After ten weeks in language, cultural and technical training, Volunteers spend two years working as facilitators and as catalysts of change in their communities.

Current Statistics:

125 Volunteers
Age Range : 22-65
Male Female Ratio: 40:60
98% with university and graduate degrees

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Peace Corps Panama

VISION

We will be recognized as a development leader and partner of choice committed to eradicating poverty, promoting social justice and fostering cross-cultural understanding.

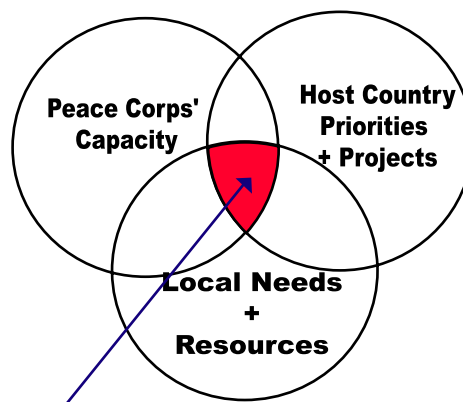
MISSION

We work in partnership with others to promote sustainable solutions in the areas of health, sanitation, agriculture, environment and small business as we promote the dignity of people and their capacity to improve their own lives.

VALUES

- ♦ Professionalism ♦ Teamwork ♦ Accountability ♦ Trust
- ♦ Transparency ♦ Diversity ♦ Effective Communication
- ♦ Respect for Cultural Differences

Peace Corps Panama Focus



Where We Work